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ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE AUTHORITYORGANIZATION

1. In accordance with the letter from the President to the Secretary of State, dated September 20, 1945, the Secretaries of State, War and the Navy recommend the establishment of an interdepartmental intelligence ~~coordinating~~ authority, to be known as the National Intelligence Authority.

MEMBERSHIP

2. N.I.A. The National Intelligence Authority will consist of the Secretary of State as Chairman and the Secretaries of War and the Navy.

3. Additional members. Upon invitation of the Authority, the head of any other Department or Agency may sit as a member of the Authority on matters of particular interest to his Department or Agency.

4. Deputies. In the absence of any member of the Authority, a deputy designated by him of the rank of Under Secretary or Assistant Secretary may serve as a member with full powers.

5. Secretariat. The Authority will be served by a Secretariat headed by an Executive Secretary, who will be the Chief executive officer of the Authority. The Executive Secretary will be appointed by the Chairman with the approval of the Secretaries of War and Navy. If any person appointed as Executive Secretary shall not be, at the time of his appointment, an official of the Department of State, he will be appointed as such before assuming his duties. The Executive Secretary, in his capacity as such, will be responsible to the Authority and may be removed by a majority vote of the Authority. The Executive Secretary will be assisted in the performance of his duties by such Deputy Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries and staff as shall be approved by the Authority. Deputy Secretaries will be appointed by the Authority on recommendation of the Executive Secretary and may be officers of the Army or Navy. Assistant Secretaries and staff will be appointed by the Executive Secretary, from personnel made available by the State, War and Navy Departments, or by other Departments or agencies as may be approved by the Authority. The Deputy and Assistant Secretaries and staff of the Secretariat will normally have no other duties. Administrative services, other than the provision and pay of personnel, will be furnished by the Department of State.

6. Boards. The Executive Secretary will be advised and assisted in the performance of his duties by two Boards, consisting of a representative of each of the following agencies:

a. Intelligence Board

- (1) Department of State
- (2) War Department

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- (3) Navy Department
- (4) Army Air Forces

b. Security Board

- (1) Department of State
- (2) Treasury Department
- (3) War Department
- (4) Navy Department
- (5) Federal Bureau of Investigation

*The Executive Secretary may invite representatives of other agencies to sit as members of the Boards on matters of particular interest to their agencies.*

7. Coordinating Committees. The Authority, upon recommendation of the Executive Secretary, will establish Coordinating Committees, each of which will cover a major subject, area or kind of operation within the purview of the Authority. Each Committee will consist of an Assistant Secretary as Chairman, who will be detailed full-time from the agency, or from one of the agencies, having primary responsibility or interest in that field, and of specially qualified part-time or full-time representatives from such other agencies as are determined by the Authority to have major responsibilities or interest in the field. Administrative services for each Committee will be furnished by the Executive Secretary.

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DEFINITIONS

9. Intelligence. As used herein, "intelligence" means all significant information about foreign nations, peoples, forces, events, conditions, capabilities and intentions which it is desirable to know in order to safeguard the national security and further national interests.

10. Security Intelligence. As used herein, "security intelligence" (sometimes referred to as "counter-intelligence") is the special category of intelligence covering all significant information about hostile persons, movements, ideologies and activities, whether directed from at home or abroad, which constitute a real or potential threat to the national security or national interests.

FUNCTIONS

11. N.I.A. The National Intelligence Authority, in the broad field of foreign intelligence and the special field of security intelligence,

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shall be responsible for the planning of complete coverage of the foreign intelligence field and the assigning and controlling of operations in such manner that the needs of both the individual agencies and the Government as a whole will be met with maximum effectiveness. The functions of the subordinate components of the Authority shall be as follows:

a. Coordinating Committees.

- (1) The determination of national intelligence and security objectives and requirements, including those of all departments and agencies.
- (2) The determination of the most effective means, in terms of actual operations, for accomplishing those objectives and meeting those requirements.
- (3) The maximum utilization of existing intelligence agencies, including the assignment, through a series of specific operating plans, of operating responsibilities to various departments and agencies of the Government, based upon the general responsibilities of each department and the extent and effectiveness of its intelligence facilities.
- (4) The establishment of procedures whereby any government department or agency is furnished all intelligence material which is necessary for that department or agency, provided, however, that in the event that one agency believes it is undesirable for any such material to be so furnished to another agency, the matter may be submitted to the Authority.
- (5) The continuous review of the adequacy and efficiency of the intelligence and security programs of the Authority, including inspection, as approved by the Authority, of the operations of departmental or centralized intelligence agencies to whom operating responsibilities shall have been assigned by the Authority.
- (6) The development of plans for the most effective means for procuring and training intelligence personnel.
- (7) The development of plans for intelligence and security operations, including any necessary legislation, in the event of emergency or other changed conditions.
- (8) Such other functions as are appropriate in order to develop comprehensive and coordinated foreign intelligence and security programs for all Federal agencies concerned with those types of activity.

b. Director of Operations.

- (1) The organization and direction of centralized intelligence or security operations, including the direct procurement of intelligence, when it shall be determined by the Authority that

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such operations can be performed more effectively by a centralized organization than by the intelligence organizations of individual departments or agencies.

(2) To the extent that N.I.A. determines to be desirable, the evaluation, synthesis and dissemination of intelligence relating to the national security or required for the formulation of national policy.

c. Secretariat. Under the supervision and direction of the Executive Secretary, the Secretariat shall:

(1) Plan the Authority's program and make recommendations to the Authority for carrying it out.

(2) Act as the agent of the Authority in insuring that such program and all operating plans approved by the Authority are effectively carried out.

(3) Direct and coordinate the activities of the Committees, serve as their chairmen and be responsible for the effective conduct of the Committees' affairs.

(4) Coordinate the activities of the Director or Directors of operations and insure that such activities shall be carried out in conformity with policies approved by the Authority.

(5) Develop the document procedure and all other procedures of the Authority and Committees.

(6) Provide the Authority and Committees with secretarial service.

(7) Maintain the document files, including all correspondence, agenda, minutes, study sheets, decisions, directives, operating plans, and manuals.

(8) Provide other necessary services.

d. Boards. Before submitting to the Authority any recommendations for the intelligence program or any operating plan designed to carry out that program, the Executive Secretary shall submit such recommendations to the appropriate Board for concurrence or comment. If any member of the Board shall not concur in the recommendations, he shall have the right to submit a statement of his views to the Authority to be considered in connection with the recommendations. ILLEGIB